

Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund

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FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT Prepared by C. Wheelen, Executive Director

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The following information is reported on behalf of the Health Care Stabilization Fund Board of Governors in accordance with K.S.A. 40-3403(b)(1)(C). This report is for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017.

- 1. Net premium surcharge collections amounted to \$28,121,164.
- 2. The lowest surcharge rate for a health care provider was \$100 for a first year provider selecting the lowest HCSF coverage option (\$100,000 per claim subject to \$300,000 annual aggregate limit).
- 3. The highest surcharge rate for a health care professional was \$16,510 for a neurosurgeon with four or more years of Health Care Stabilization Fund liability exposure who selected the highest coverage option (\$800,000 per claim subject to \$2.4 million annual aggregate limit). If a Kansas resident neurosurgeon was also licensed to practice in Missouri, the 30% Missouri modification factor would result in a total premium surcharge of \$21,463.
- 4. There were 16 medical professional liability cases involving 23 health care providers that went to jury trials. Fourteen of these cases resulted in defense verdicts and one trial resulted in a split verdict. One trial in Johnson County resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff.
- 5. During the past fiscal year 503 open claims were closed. Of those claims, only 65 (12.9%) resulted in Fund obligations. Fifty-three cases involving 64 claims were settled, which resulted in Health Care Stabilization Fund obligations amounting to \$21,745,583. The average Stabilization Fund compensation per settlement was \$339,775. These amounts are in addition to compensation paid by primary insurers, typically \$200,000 per claim.
- 6. Because of periodic payment of compensation and other cash-flow characteristics, the amount reported above in item five was not the same as the amount actually paid during FY2017. Total claims expenditures during the fiscal year amounted to \$23,976,127.
- 7. The balance sheet as of June 30, 2017 accepted by the HCSF Board of Governors indicates total assets amounting to \$286,690,985 and total liabilities amounting to \$238,059,073.